

Chapter 4

Evaluating the Applications

WSDOT has developed the criteria for evaluating all applications in collaboration with representatives from the Washington State Transit Association, Community Transportation Association of the Northwest, and the Agency Council on Coordinated Transportation.

What criteria will be used to evaluate the projects?

All applications will be scored on three components:

Project component

- Does the project establish, preserve, or improve public transportation services in a community?
- Does the project address a recognized need in the community?
- Does the project reflect a community process of coordination and input?
- Does the project appear to be feasible as described?

Applicant component

- Does the applicant report sufficient experience in managing transportation projects to provide assurance of success?
- Does the applicant report sufficient experience in managing previous grant awards?
- Does the applicant report sufficient financial capability and resources to implement and successfully carry out the project?
- Does the applicant report the leveraging of funds from other sources to support the implementation for the project?
- Does the applicant report a long-term commitment to the project to continue the effort beyond the availability of the requested grant resources?

Performance component

- Does the project describe community benefits resulting from the grant?
- Does the project define the performance measures to be used in determining the success of the project?
- Does the project describe an active coordination effort aimed at improving efficiency and effectiveness?